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LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW PANEL

Generally about four people, including person's supervisor; someone from R/TR (usually Deputy); someone from A&E who gives rating on Foreign Language Aptitude Test Battery. Panel considers persons requesting full-time internal training and full-time or part-time external training requiring expenditure of money by the Agency.

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DTR says see [REDACTED] DD/P member of the language panel.

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It is understood with [REDACTED] of the Management Staff that they will do a procedural study and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a will study the complaints that have been reviewed at the program.

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█████ stated that the people in DD/I had no quarrel with the language program in any way. He did say, however, that the few small criticisms, which he did not name, had been discussed with Matt over the months while in his capacity as a member of the Language Development Committee. █████ stated that he did not anticipate an increase in language training being given by the DD/I people. There is, of course, some technical language study being presented at the present time, but this has been approved by the DTR. There appear to be no serious problems in the DD/I area.

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Approved Component Conducted Language Courses

<u>Component</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Last Offered</u>
OCR	Biographic German Reading (Scientific)	26 Sept 58 - 29 Jan 59
OO/FDD	Czech Reading	5 Jan - 22 May 59
	Hungarian Reading	12 Jan - 26 June 59
	Intensive Polish Reading	14 July - 13 Dec 58
	Intensive Rumanian Reading	14 July - 27 Nov 58
	Arabic Conversation and Grammar	Jan - June 58
	Russian Conversation	Jan - June 58
	Intensive Italian Grammar and Reading	
	Intensive Russian Reading	
	Scientific Russian (Advanced)	
	Intensive Serbo-Croatian Reading	

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The DD/S people are very happy with the Voluntary Language Training Program. Most individuals feel that once an assignment is firm they should be allowed to take language (VLTP) and then follow up at a later date full time.

The key factor in language study is believed to be dependent upon firmness of assignment.

Some of the girls are taking a language which they will never use. This, of course, is problematical, but they appear to be taking languages and then, on the other hand, say they do not want to go overseas. This may swell the language statistics, but it is questionable whether it is desirable or not.

There is no particular antipathy toward the aptitude test other than the normal dislike of any testing.

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 suggested that anything that could be done to educate people in the why of tests, how used, etc. might be desirable.

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